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May 30, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds, on behalf of the County, allocated by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), in the amount of \$747,000.
2. Authorize the District Attorney and Public Defender, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Director for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the grant award agreement and any required extensions, revisions, or amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the program is to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system and to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The CSA supports this ongoing effort by coordinating JABG grant funds for State and local government agencies. This is the eighth year of the JABG program. The current program funding cycle will fund programs from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

In accordance with the granting agency requirements, on May 1, 2006, the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) convened a meeting of the JABG Advisory Board comprised of representatives from various juvenile justice agencies to consider and recommend allocation of the \$747, 000 JABG funds allocated to the County. The JABG Advisory Board voted to recommend allocation of \$232,000, or 31 percent of the funds to the District Attorney Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program and \$515,000, or 69 percent to the Public Defender Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project. A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant funds is required by the CSA in order for the funds to be released to the County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These JABG programs are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Service Excellence, to provide quality public service; Goal No. 3, Organizational Effectiveness, to enhance organizational effectiveness across jurisdictional boundaries; Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, to secure available revenue sources at the Federal level; and Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-Being to promote the social and emotional well-being of minors and families in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Los Angeles County's 2006 JABG allocation is \$747,000. The JABG grant funds awarded by the CSA require a 10 percent match. Funding adjustments may be included in the 2006-07 Budget during Final Changes for the programs detailed in Attachment I.

Should funding for these programs be terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the programs could either be continued with costs absorbed by the participating departments, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The JABG program remains under Title II of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. The federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recently published the 2006 JABG funding award amounts designated by Congress. The amount allocated for eligible counties in California is \$2,738,000 which is \$2,023,000 less than last year. Of the state award, \$747,000 is allocated to Los Angeles County.

The JABG Advisory Board membership consists of the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Sheriff, District Attorney, Chief Probation Officer, Public Defender, County Superintendent of Schools, City of Monterey Park Chief of Police, Children's Law Center, Homeboy Industries, Shields for Families, UCLA Medical Center-Rape Treatment Center, and the Protection and Advocacy Center.

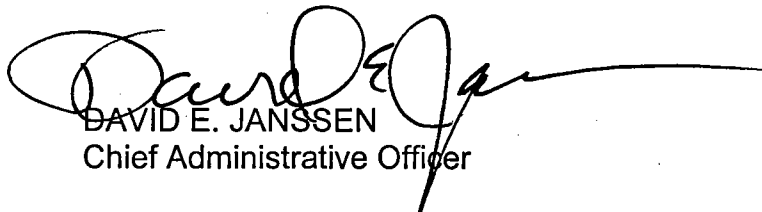
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The District Attorney's Juvenile Offender Intervention Network program will receive an additional \$11,000 over last years' allocation of \$221,000. The Public Defender's Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation project will receive an almost similar allocation as the 2005 level. Unfunded program components will be absorbed by each department or reduced as necessary. The funding allocation was recommended by the JABG Advisory Board and has been reviewed and cleared by affected County departments regarding service level impact.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board return three original signature copies of the adopted Resolution to this office.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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GP:RMG:yf

Attachments

c: District Attorney
Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board
County Counsel
Public Defender

ATTACHMENT I

COUNTY JABG FUNDS

The District Attorney and Public Defender are the County agencies participating in JABG. Each of the participating County agencies will use the grant funds for the following programs:

District Attorney

\$ 232,000

- The Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program diverts first-time serious offenders ages 10-17 into a voluntary one-year program that offers immediate intervention and accountability without formal prosecution. Under the supervision of a Hearing Officer, JOIN youth and their parents promptly take responsibility for their actions, make restitution and apology to their victim(s), perform community service, attend school regularly and participate in counseling and parenting programs. JOIN cases are resolved without a court appearance at approximately 10 percent of the cost of court processing. JOIN's success rate exceeds 85 percent, making it one of the most effective juvenile diversion programs in California. In 2006-07 JOIN will serve 350 juvenile offenders.

Public Defender

\$ 515,000

- The Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project strategically integrates psychiatric social workers and resource attorneys into defense teams at the 10 Juvenile Courts to assess, identify, and make disposition recommendations to the Juvenile Court to address children's mental health, special education and psycho-social needs. Deputy Public Defender attorneys refer juvenile clients who appear to have psycho-social, mental health, special education, and substance abuse problems to the Project. CARE project services include conducting psycho-social assessments, identifying services and programs to meet the minor's needs, assisting in initiating early intervention of needed services, providing client and family support during the court process, and developing recommendations for effective disposition plans and conditions of probation. CARE will serve 1,200 juvenile clients during the grant period.

Total JABG Funds

\$ 747,000

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
2 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
3 **RESOLUTION**

4 **WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to undertake the Juvenile**
5 **Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) and the Client Assessment**
6 **Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) projects to be funded in part from funds**
7 **made available through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program**
8 **administered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**
9 **Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) (hereafter referred to as CSA).**

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors**
11 **of the County of Los Angeles authorizes the District Attorney and Public**
12 **Defender or their designees, to submit the two proposals to the CSA. Said**
13 **individuals are authorized to sign and approve the Grant Award Agreement**
14 **including any extensions or amendments thereof on behalf of the Board of**
15 **Supervisors and to serve as Project Directors and perform all necessary tasks**
16 **to complete the projects.**

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide all**
18 **matching funds required for said projects (including any amendment thereof)**
19 **under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of the CSA and that**
20 **the match will be appropriated as required.**

21 **IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this**
22 **Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the**
23 **responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of**
24 **California and the CSA disclaim responsibility for any such liability.**

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not**
be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

1 The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2006,
2 passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
3 Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment
4 and taxing district, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.
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6 **Ayes:**

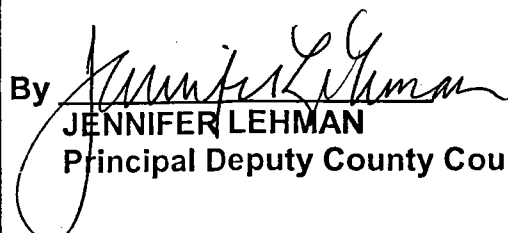
7 **Noes:**

8 **Absent:**
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11 **SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk**
12 **of the Board of Supervisors of the**
13 **County of Los Angeles**
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15 By _____ Deputy
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18 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**
19 **Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.**
20 **COUNTY COUNSEL**

21 By  **JENNIFER LEHMAN**
22 **Principal Deputy County Counsel**
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